

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed on October 11, 2006 has been carefully considered, and the Examiner's comments are appreciated.

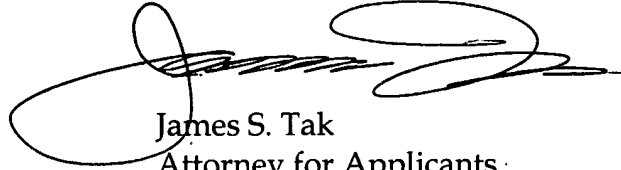
Claims 16-21 are allowed, claims 4 and 13-15 are canceled, and claim 7 is withdrawn. And claims 1 and 22 have been amended. Therefore claims 1-3, 5, 6, 8-12 and 16-22 are presented for examination. No new matter has been added, with the amendments supported by the Specification, claims, and the drawings.

The Examiner objected to claim 4 as being dependent on a rejected base claim. Applicants have amended claim 1 to include the limitations of claim 4, and claim 4 is now canceled. Applicants therefore respectfully submit that claim 1 is allowable as amended, as well as dependent claims 2, 3, 5, 6, and 8-15, and respectfully request allowance of the same. Additionally the limitations of claim 4 have also been added to independent claim 22. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 22 is also now allowable, and request allowance of the same.

In the event that the Examiner finds any remaining impediment to the prompt allowance of these claims that could be clarified with a telephone conference, he is respectfully requested to initiate the same with the undersigned at (925) 422-7274.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: February 28, 2007 By:

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